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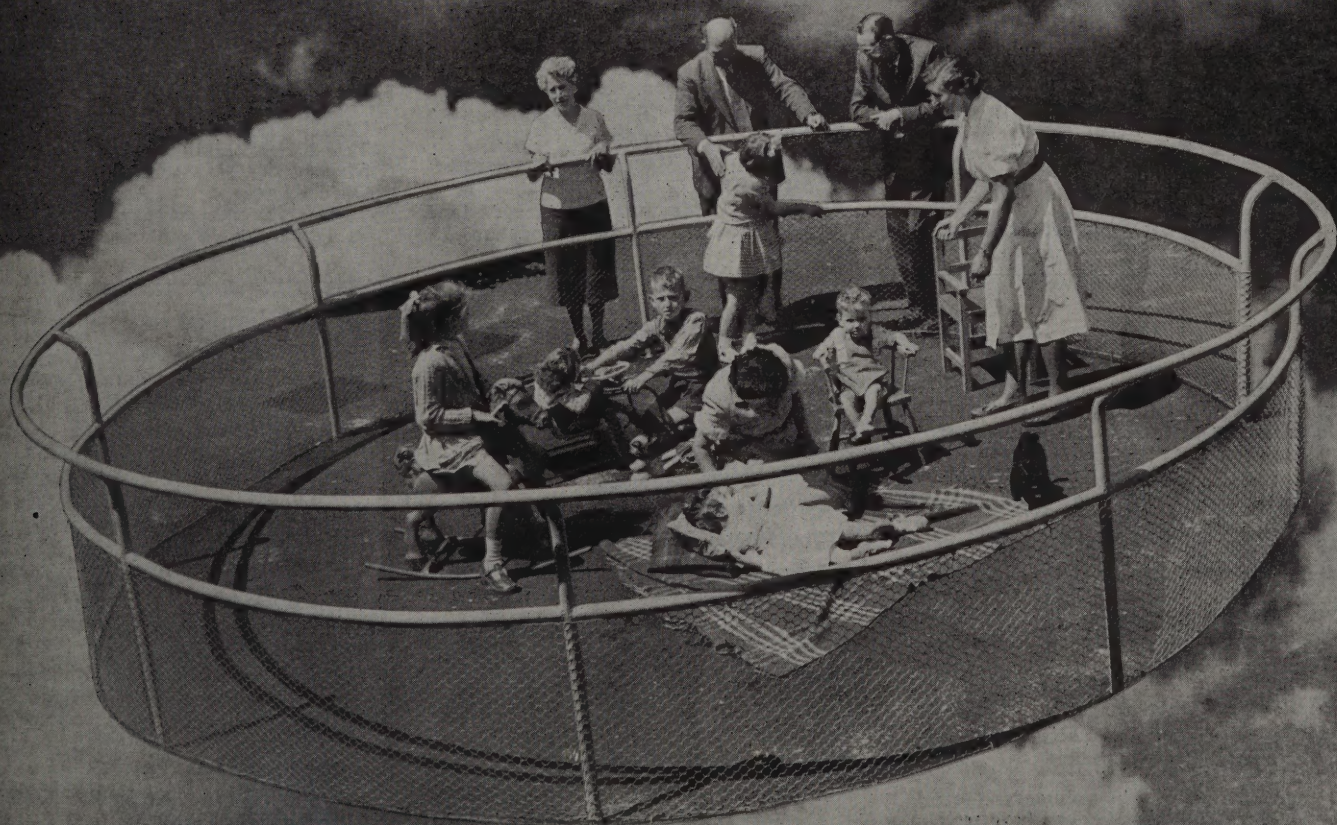
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Northampton	Reading
Nottingham	Southend-on-Sea
Pontefract	Swindon

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Bolton	Plymouth
Cheltenham	Stockport

Operating entirely by voluntary contributions, the following Groups have treatment centres with or without nursery

classes. Some of these centres operate every day, others only part time:

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	(Stoke)
Bollington and Macclesfield	Oldham
Bridgwater	Oxford
Brighton	Poole and Bournemouth
Croydon	South West Middlesex
Epping Forest	South West Surrey
Gillingham	Swansea
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in some cases, treatment is available together with speech therapy:

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Crewé	Southampton
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What might be termed Welfare Departments, mainly designed to assist older Spastics, are operated by the following:

Bradford	Nottingham
Halifax	Widnes
N.W.London	

Work centres, varying in scope have been opened for adults by the following:

Bedford	Kingston-on-Thames
Croydon	N.W. Kent (Erith)
Central Middlesex	Stockport
Central Surrey	Swansea

A holiday home is run by Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness Group.

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Solution to May Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Dutch Courage	1. Dives
8. Valet	2. Talon
9. Arrow	3. Hotel
10. Emend	4. Octet
12. Singlet	5. Ready
15. Years	6. Gerda
19. Margin release	7. Owns
20. Deals	11. Means
23. Parting	13. Image
27. Arena	14. Gogol
28. Right	16. Erect
29. Their	17. Resin
30. French polish	18. Sedan
	20. Darn
	21. Auger
	22. Satin
	23. Peach
	24. Ratio
	25. Iceni
	26. Girth

FRONT COVER

OF PEOPLE AND CLOUDS

Due to our photographic competition our magazine has produced one example of the possibilities there are for its readers to entertain. (Of course, for those who are thinking of participating—and they better had!)

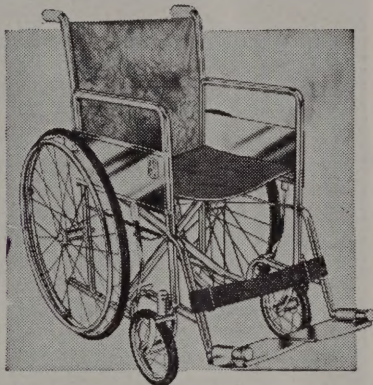
Naturally, there is no guarantee for the trick photographer to win—in fact it might be the other way round.

Don't have your head in the clouds when you do take the photographs—you never know, on that day it might rain. And if you want to know more about the "flying saucer" on page No. 1, turn to page 13, col. 1 and you will find the complete answer.

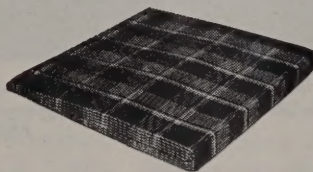
Good News for All Readers

by Ian Cunningham

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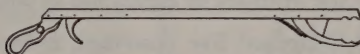


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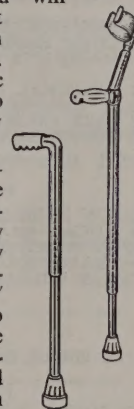
E. & J. set no limit to their work of increasing the comfort, safety and convenience of the chairs that bear their name. New ideas are always being developed, fresh theories constantly tried out. As the need for a different type of chair arises, or the call comes for an additional fitment or modification, you can be sure Everest & Jennings will supply the most satisfactory answer to the problem. It is indeed a comfort to know that men who have devoted their lives to service for the disabled are always striving to improve and perfect E. & J. products.

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The fascination of that air pressure experiment and the buckling oil can, will always hold the attention of young people—this group of pupils, at Craig-y-Parc, absorbed in their physics' lesson are no exception

Ministry Recognition for Craig-Y-Parc

Congratulations to Mrs. C. M. Kearslake and the staff at Craig-y-Parc, the N.S.S. school near Cardiff. The school has now received the official recognition of the Ministry of Education as both a primary and secondary school.

Opened five years ago, it has 42 resident pupils between the ages of six and 16 and has been taken to the heart of all child lovers in South Wales. A full curriculum of education is combined with treatment of the disability by qualified therapists.

Craig-y-Parc is not the first N.S.S. school to be recognised by the Ministry. The Thomas Delarue School was put on their list in 1957.

Commenting on the official recognition, Dr. C. P. Stevens said, "This is further proof to the generous public that their gifts are being devoted to wise and worthwhile objectives."

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from the Mailbag



NEW ADMIRER

Dear Editor,

It is only a few weeks since I came into contact with the Hull Friends of Spastics Association, but I have followed their activities with great interest.

Although my hands are shaky and my legs a bit drunken, I am much more fortunate than many other spastics in that I can get about quite well. This means that I can mix with able-bodied persons, and I think that this is very beneficial for those who are disabled. I do not go out to a job, but we have a fairly large garden and I spend much of my time working in it. One of my interests is swimming.

I enjoyed reading Mr. Butchard's article, and I agree with the remarks of Mr. Hargreaves on personal appearance, although I do not know what he would think if he were to see me working in my garden!

I always look forward to receiving the magazine.

Yours sincerely,
(Mr.) J. WEBSTER,
Willerby, E. Yorks.

CROYDON CLUB

Dear Editor,

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Mr. and Mrs. Hoy are trying to form a social club for adult spastics of all ages. There will be such games as draughts, dominoes, cards and darts. The club will be held on Friday evenings from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m., at the Centre, 27 Bramley Hill, South Croydon.

It is hoped that as many spastics as possible will be able to come, and transport may soon be available for those who cannot come by themselves.

Yours sincerely,
(Mr.) W. WARD,
Croydon Spastic Centre,
Surrey.

CAROLE'S REPORT

Dear Editor,

I have just come back from a week's holiday in Colwyn Bay, North Wales. I went with the school and had a most enjoyable time. We did a lot of walking.

I thought that you would like to know that we have had an offer for a show at Chesham Bois, which is not far away. I also had some puppets given to me.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) CAROLE STANDINGFORD,
Farnham Common,
Bucks.

(Readers will easily remember the report from one of Carole's puppets which appeared in the April issue. This has evidently had good results.—Ed.).

PARIS HOLIDAY

Dear Editor,

My son is at the Wilfred Pickles' School and had an excellent and memorial holiday in Paris with his schoolmates.

Every credit is due to Mr. Pedder and his staff for such a mammoth undertaking, which brought a terrific amount of pleasure to the children.

Yours sincerely,
(Mr.) N. W. PURNELL,
Worksop.

(You can read all about this holiday on pages 15 and 21)

"BLUES" REMEDY

Dear Editor,

I'm a spastic, confined to a wheelchair. When I get the "blues" I give myself a "facial cleanse".

I scrape back my hair into a net, then I put on an old overall, mix a home-made mud-pack and slap it over my face.

After half-an-hour I rinse my face in hot water, then in cold, and I have a lovely, fresh, clean feeling which makes me ready to face the world again. It's gorgeous!

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) DORIS CARTLEDGE,
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COUNTRY WIDE *From our roving reporter*



Courtesy: Sunderland Echo

Wolf Cub and wolf cub—sorry, corgi! Edward Sproul, the youngest member of the 1st Burnmoor Pack, pulled off a scoop recently. Although unable to take part in the usual outdoor activities, Edward, a spastic, made the most money in the "bob-a-job" week. For his efforts, he was presented with two book tokens. Here Edward poses with "a cub's best friend"

Princess Elizabeth Day

Have any of the groups considered using the Princess Elizabeth Day Collection? The South-West Middlesex Group is one that has, and they are extremely pleased with the results. From the areas of St. Margarets, Feltham & Hampton, £61 16s. 10d. was raised from the May collections and was a big increase on their own collection last spring. The Secretary of the South-West Middlesex has submitted several reasons as to why the P.E. Day has benefited them, and hopes that other groups, in a similar position, will be encouraged:

1. We are a small Group with a large area. We could not therefore hope to cover our area completely with a flag day of our own, even if we could get permission to run one.
2. It would be unlikely that we should obtain permission to run a flag day every year on our own, but under the P.E. Day Organisation we can join in two collections per year.
3. By joining in with it we are able to use the services of our friends and neighbours as collectors, without the bother of getting our own collecting material.
4. In most cases our Depot Holders have been given lists of the people who have previously been collectors in their areas. This has been of considerable assistance as has the advice given by the paid organisers.

The next collection will be held during the week ending October 1.

Mental Health Week

The Mental Health National Appeal is holding a Flag Day in the Greater London area on Tuesday, July 12. As flag sellers are always in demand any offers of help would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested should contact: The Central Organiser; Miss Lucy Hyde, Mental Health Flag Day, 39 Queen Anne Street, London, W.1 Tel.: LAN 0145.

New Member for M.A.C.

Dr. W. S. Tegner, F.R.C.P., of the Department of Physical Medicine at The London Hospital, Whitechapel, has kindly accepted the Society's invitation to join the Medical Advisory Committee.

Westminster Abbey Collection

The Westminster Abbey Collection, held on April 10, 1960, for the N.S.S. amounted to £30 3s. 1d.

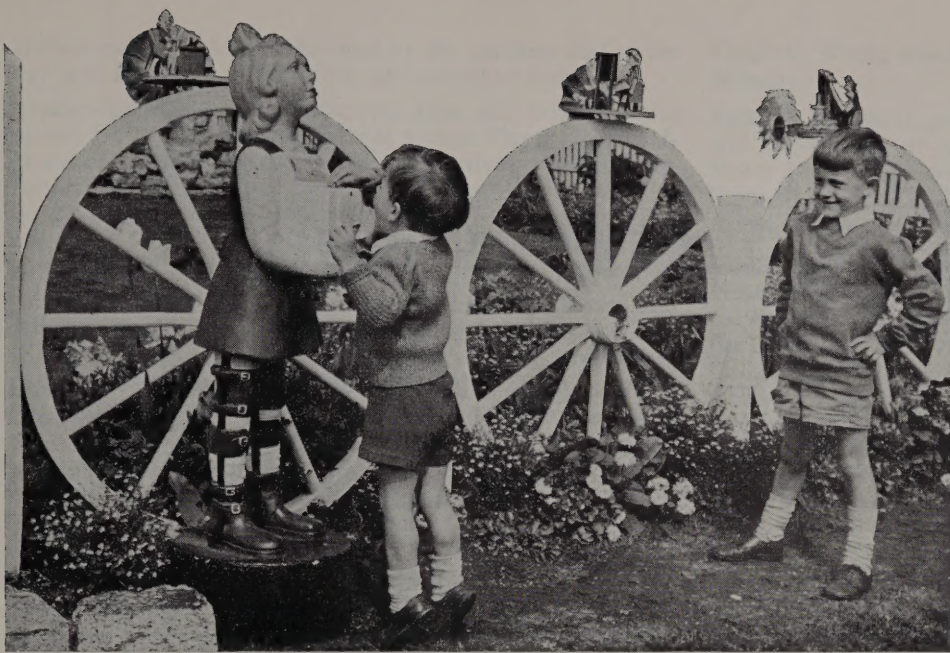
A Manual on Appeals

The Appeals Secretary (Colonel R. M. Lloyd) is at present compiling a handbook or manual, which is designed to be of use to Group Hon. Secretaries and Appeals Officers. The booklet will deal with legal and other problems or aspects of appeal work. It will also include a number of suggested fund-raising methods and will provide details of "know-how" which will, it is hoped, assist those with no lengthy nor varied experience in this type of work, both in overcoming difficulties and in avoiding pitfalls.

Local and national appeals for the same Cause are in many respects similar, but in a number of others they are different. As one example, quite a number of minor "events" can be of considerable value to a Group, principally because it possesses an "on-the-spot" committee which can provide all the detailed help necessary to make each event successful. On a national basis, there are many small-scale appeals of the sort in question which would not show a worthwhile profit.

It would be helpful and greatly appreciated if Regional Officers, or if in particular Group Officers (secretary, appeals executive or any other) would send in, within a fortnight of the appearance of this issue, particulars of any appeal undertaken by their Group which showed good results. If any reader of SPASTICS NEWS possesses any idea or scheme at all in connection with fund-raising, it would be appreciated if he or she would send it in, no matter how impracticable at first sight it may seem. Communications should be addressed to the Appeals Secretary, N.S.S., 28 Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.

The manual will be confidential to the Society.



Well, here's a good idea for a start to the fund raising scheme—half-a-dozen brightly painted working miniature windmills set on a fence of cartwheels, outside a cottage, at the hill-top, Watlington. They are producing a considerable income for the Oxfordshire Spastics Welfare Society. Over £50 has been popped into Christine's box since her arrival on the spot. The builder, Mr. John Wilde, is a woodworker with his own veneering business in High Wycombe. For a quarter of a century he has been making model windmills, producing the first to amuse his youngest son, who now works alongside him in the family business.

Courtesy: Oxford Times

Endeavour Work Centre

There are so many fine projects reaching fruition all over the country that sometimes it is difficult to give each the attention it merits. One such is the new Endeavour Work Centre at High Road, Epsom, which was officially opened at the end of May. The Centre was organised by the Central Surrey Spastic Group, and employs adults on such work as printing and handicrafts.

The Mayor of Epsom, who attended with the Mayoress, and is himself head of a firm of printers, took a professional interest in the activities. He paid tribute to the group which had first started the workshop in a hut at the bottom of a member's garden, Mrs. M. Wells.

The members would welcome any visitors and, of course, orders. Enquiries should be made to the Supervisor, Mrs. Brunskill.

Gift for Hawkesworth

Each year Mr. and Mrs. Green of Guiseley, organise an Old Tyme Ball to raise money for Hawkesworth Hall. This year they presented the Centre with a wheelchair.

Cricket Pools

The Friends of Spastics Pools changed from football to cricket recently when batsmen were paired to make 72 "matches" with the levels of scoring adjusted to qualify as "goals".

The weekly pools circular, issued by the organisers, sets out the goals value of each batsman's best score in any week, ranging from 0 for under 25 runs to a value of 5 goals for the best score of over 125 and less than 150, and reaching a maximum of 8 goals for higher score ranges.

Isle of Wight Day Unit

Cliff Michelmore, B.B.C. television personality, was able to return with pride to the place of his birth, when he opened the new spastic unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport. Mr. Michelmore had previously made a radio appeal for funds for the Unit, and this had met with great success. The school and treatment centre cost just under £15,000 but, because of good weather, it was completed for £900 less than the contract price. The builders, Messrs. A. A. & R. J. Westmore, had given the saving back to the cause, a gesture almost unknown in building history.

The Unit will cater for about 12 full-time pupils, and 15 attending on a sessional basis.

Holiday Home in Bridlington

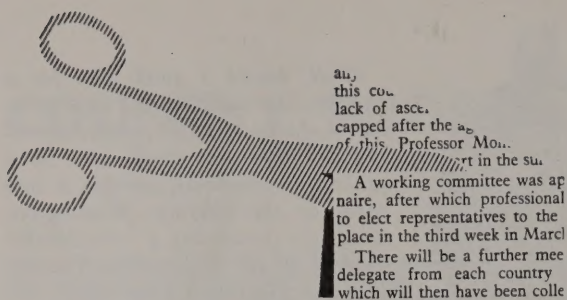
One of the happiest houses this summer is in First Avenue, Bridlington. It has been converted into a holiday home after months of planning and hard work by members of the Friends of the Spastics Society in Hull and District.

The house can accommodate two families and each family is able to have a week's holiday, just the proverbial "stone's throw" from the sea.



Manish Kohli's 21st Birthday Party

"21 today" is the toast given by his friends to Manish Kohli, the student from New Delhi, India, who is at the Thomas Delarue School. Manish had a small party recently to celebrate the occasion, when he was staying at the Arundel Hotel, Westcliff. One of his presents was a silver pencil, inscribed with his initials, from the Management Committee of the Arundel Hotel



NEWS IN BRIEF

Portsmouth: The *Evening News* Rose Bowl, for years one of the most cherished trophies in Portsmouth area darts, has been put up for competition again. It will go to the winners of the Portsmouth and District Spastics Society triples competition, which has already attracted more than 1,000 players. Last year there were 234 entries and the Society benefited by more than £80. The finals will take place in August, when a celebrity will be asked along to make the presentations. Already over 250 teams have entered the competition. The entrance fee is 4/- and this helps swell the funds for a proposed sheltered work centre.

Sunderland: Building of a work centre will start this year, it was announced at the annual meeting of the Sunderland and District Spastics Society. It will be under the direction of a skilled manager who would organise work benches to carry out sub-contract work, which it is hoped would be obtained from local industries. Plans were well advanced and negotiations were going on for a site. The treasurer, Mr. D. A. Briggs, said that they had a balance of £5,200.

Norwich: Norfolk and Norwich Spastics Association is over £973 better off than it was last year, reported the treasurer, Mr. J. B. Carr, at the recent annual meeting in the Assembly House, Norwich. He said the Association had a balance of £4,809. Over £600 of the year's receipts were in the form of gifts. It was reported that 51 children were receiving treatment at the Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich.

Welwyn Garden City: At the sixth A.G.M. of the Welwyn Garden City and District Group of the Herts Spastics Society, the chairman said that although the year had been quiet, the group had accumulated £629. £1,000 would go to Daresbury Hall, £200 to Sherrards for their additional transport fund, and a presentation would be made to the Thomas Delarue School of two sets of long playing records of Shakespeare's plays. It was hoped to provide theatre outings for the trainees at Sherrards and to sponsor one of the holiday homes. Funds had been substantially increased by the addition of fourteen more collecting boxes, and they were once more in a position to go ahead with their Michaelmas Fair, which in 1958 had raised £800.

Letchworth: A very handsome cheque for over £217 was given to the N.S.S., as half of the net proceeds of the charity football match between the TV All Stars and a selected Hitchin XI.

Wallasey: The Wallasey Spastics Association achieved the grand total of over £130 from their recent flag day.

Shrewsbury: At the recent A.G.M. of the Shrewsbury and District Spastics Group, the chairman said that the substantial help given by the local authorities and medical profession in general, went a long way towards the smooth running of their group. He thanked the Ladies' Section for their tremendous efforts, and said that total paid up membership for the group was 234. Their area covered Shropshire and parts of Mont-

gomeryshire, and they now had 102 spastics on the books compared with 91 in the previous year. Providing holidays had become an important part of their work and compared with £159 spent in 1958, £482 was spent last year on sending 12 spastics and their escorts on holiday; but continuous efforts must be made to keep ahead of the ever increasing expenses. Their recent house-to-house collection had raised over £208.

Luton: 700 performers, including five bands, drew over 10,000 people to a military tattoo at Stockwood Park, Luton, in aid of Luton and District Spastics Society. The tattoo, the second held by the branch, began at 7 p.m. and lasted for 3 hours. Last year it took place in the park of Luton Hoo, home of Sir Harold and Lady Zia Wernher.

Southport: Come June, the roses and the green lawns of England and the local groups begin to see their gardens in a new light. On June 11th, the home of Cllr. and Mrs. E. Pearce was all prepared for a garden party in aid of the Southport, Formby and District Spastics Society. There were a great variety of stalls and entertainments, a children's corner, and the inevitable teas.

Bradford: "What has happened to all our male colleagues?" This was the question members of Bradford and District Spastics Society were asking themselves at the A.G.M. The organisation, which was formed in 1955, now has difficulty in finding men willing to collect in local pubs—a job not really suited to women. The chairman, Mr. Laurie Bowden, told a predominantly female gathering, "If you have any husbands or sweethearts who would be willing to help, bring them along any time." He appealed for flag day collectors, who were needed for duty on August 20th.

Preston: New hope came for Preston when the announcement was made at their annual meeting that their spastic children will soon have the facilities of a day training centre. After several years of struggle for the necessary funds, initial steps had been taken to obtain a house for £3,000 in Moor Park Avenue. They had £4,000 in the bank to pay for the property. Members at the meeting were shown the film "Every Eight Hours", by Dr. C. P. Stevens, Director of the N.S.S.

Maryport: Maryport Round Table presented a kitchen mixing machine to Westways Holiday Home at Allonby. The Maryport Table has raised £2,500 for spastic work. The local Spastics Society hope to run a holiday system for unaccompanied spastics at Westways, and would be grateful if two men would be prepared to give up a week's holiday to assist with the project.

Barnsley: The foundation stone of the new £8,000 day nursery and welfare centre for children and adolescents of Barnsley and District was laid on May 28th. Clubs and organisations from a wide area contributed towards a £5,000 Building Appeal Fund which had been set up. Accommodation will include a treatment room, staff room,

kitchen and main hall, to be used by the children during the day, and for social activities for adolescents at night.

Tunbridge Wells: Handicapped dogs will help to raise money for handicapped children at a huge Sheep Dog Trials in aid of the local spastics society at Tunbridge Wells Agricultural Showground in July. Admission fee is 1/-. It is hoped that several hundred pounds will be raised and that the trials will become an annual event. A large proportion of the proceeds will go to the Thomas Delarue School.

St. Albans: At the annual meeting of the St. Albans and District Group of the Hertfordshire Spastics Society, the Mayor, Mrs. S. E. Dunham, and chairman of the group, said that they had plans in view for building a centre in the town.

Carlisle: Not content with garden parties, the Brampton Branch of the Cumberland and Westmorland Spastics Society are organising a pageant on July 16th. Scattered throughout the grounds of Naworth Castle will be various stalls, games, puppets, a fortune teller and all the usual trappings associated with such events. Lady Constance Howard is in charge of all the arrangements, and the Brampton Players are now engaged in putting together a colourful scene—a tournament in Tudor England. For readers in the area, Naworth Castle on that date would make a jolly place for a picnic.

York: At the annual meeting of the York and District Spastics Group, the chairman said that a letter had been sent to the York Medical Officer of Health, containing the group's promise of financial help, not exceeding £5,000. This was to go towards providing a comprehensive spastic unit as an adjunct to the proposed new occupation centre development scheme. The £5,000 was the money set aside in the building fund which had been carefully saved by the group since its formation over eight years ago. The chairman also commented on the combination of the York and District Spastic Group and the general committee. He considered the union had led to much greater and more satisfactory collaboration with the local authorities. Altogether the year's net profit for the centre and group combined was £915. The day centre supervisor said they had started the year with 25 children attending regularly, and during the year 11 children had been added to the numbers.

Leeds: More than £10,000 has been raised towards the £15,000 needed by the Leeds and District Spastics Society to build a special unit, as an extension to the Stanningley Occupation Centre. This was stated at the society's annual meeting, and the secretary hoped that the target would be reached in the next 12 months.

Manchester: Manchester Royal Exchange and Stock Exchange Charities are making a special appeal for £1,000 to be shared equally among four charities concerned with the welfare of children, one of which will be Manchester and District Spastics Society Clinic.

Walthamstow: The Walthamstow and District Spastics Society will be one of the 31 local organisations benefiting from the Walthamstow

Carnival Week, which was held from May 26th to Whit Monday.

Erith: Showgirls, go-karts, the band of the Women's Royal Air Force, and, of course, horses, were all part of Erith Horse Show which was staged by Erith Round Table at the Stadium on June 18th. Proceeds from the show are devoted to the N.S.S. and local charities.

Middlesbrough: The Spastics Clinic in Middlesbrough General Hospital, which is ready and equipped, may be in use within a month. This heartening news was revealed at the A.G.M. of the Tees-side Parents and Friends of Spastics Group. The chairman said that a great deal of credit must be given to the public of Tees-side, who were doing so much for the children. He stressed that in the future, the society would have to concentrate on welfare work for spastics of all ages and groups. Although for the first time the society's expenditure had exceeded its income during the year, it still had a balance of £3,640. It had mainly gone in providing money for the clinic, which was built at a cost of more than £16,500.

East Herts: Spastics from East Hertfordshire would be able to use a new specialised school which was to be built at Watford, said Mr. R. C. Lemarie, at the annual meeting of the East Herts Spastics Society. The new centre, he said, would cost £22,000, and it was hoped that it would be built by the end of the year. The June fête held in the grounds of Hertford Castle will help the society's financial resources.

Slough: At their annual meeting held recently, Slough and District Spastics Welfare Society were told of the £40,000 workshop and hostel to be built at Slough. The chairman said that while details were not settled, he expected it would cater for the younger spastics in the area, and act as a "sifting" headquarters as well as an educational centre. Spastics would be graded to go on to residential schools or, in the case of adults, into the workshop.

THERE ARE NO
CRISPS
TO EQUAL
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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

May 28th
Town Hall, Chester

OVER 100 members and friends of the National Spastics Society attended the Extraordinary General Meeting held in Chester, on the morning of May 28. The meeting was honoured by the presence of The Right Worshipful, The Mayor of Chester, Cllr. John Croghan.

In the chair was Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. F. G. Emms, who, the following day, at the meeting of the Executive Committee, was elected as its new Chairman.

[The Chairman's address to the E.G.M. will appear in next month's issue].

RETIREMENT OF MR. I. D. DAWSON SHEPHERD

Mr. Emms announced that Mr. Dawson Shepherd had resigned from the Chairmanship of the Society and membership of the Executive Committee because the burden of the Society's work and his own had been affecting his health. The Executive Committee had regretfully accepted his resignation at their last meeting.



Daresbury Hall

In the afternoon, after the meeting was over, a visit was made to Daresbury Hall, the N.S.S. Residential Centre near Warrington. The Warden, Mr. F. W. Bellman, showed the party into the splendid grounds where many of the residents were on the lawns, engaged in occupational therapy. For many members of the party, this was the first time they had been to Daresbury, and they were glad to have the opportunity of chatting with the young men and watching them at work.

NEW HONORARY OFFICERS

Consequent on the retirement of Mr. I. D. Dawson Shepherd.

Chairman: J. F. G. Emms



Born in 1920, Mr. J. F. G. Emms was a young man when the War started and from 1939/1946 he served in the Forces.

He became interested in the National Spastics Society as he himself has a spastic son, now 13.

The Vice-Chairman of the Central Middlesex Group, he has been with them since their formation.

He served on the Executive Committee of the National Spastics

Society for one year before being appointed the Society's Vice-Chairman in 1957.

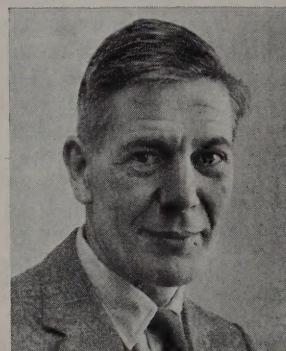
Now, as Chairman of the Society's Executive Committee, Mr. Emms intends to continue serving this important cause with enthusiasm. He has the staunch support of all the members, who wish him a very successful term of office.

Vice-Chairman:

Alex Moira, A.R.I.B.A.

Mr. Moira is one of the founder members of the N.S.S., and has been the Hon. Treasurer since its inception.

He has a teenage daughter at the Society's Grammar School, Thomas Delarue, in Tonbridge.



Treasurer:

William Arthur Burn

Mr. Burn is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

For several years he has been on the Croydon Executive, and the Croydon Group Appeals Committees. In October 1959, he was elected to the N.S.S. Executive Committee.

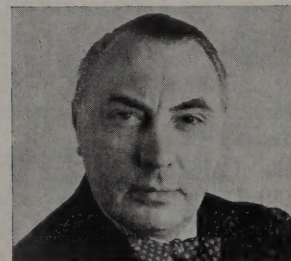
Mr. Burn has three sons, the youngest of whom is a spastic.



E. Rhodes

Mr. E. Rhodes remains the Hon. Secretary.

He is Chairman and a founder member of Stockport, East Cheshire & High Peak Spastics Society.





I.D.D.S.

by

A. Moira

An Appreciation given at the E.G.M.

IN moving a formal vote of thanks to Ian Dawson Shepherd upon his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Society, I find myself faced with a peculiarly difficult task. Firstly, I find it impossible to think formally of that warm and human personality that we all know so well, and secondly, I find it difficult to express thanks adequate to the incomparable service and leadership that he has given over the years to the Society. He is a man who steadfastly refuses to

be thanked or even to accept the credit that is due to him. Perhaps we can solve this difficulty of expressing our thanks adequately in a somewhat indirect way by resolving that we will carry on the Society with the utmost self discipline and achieve effectively those goals that he has set us and towards which he has led us so far. This perhaps then is the greatest tribute and most sincere appreciation that we can offer in resolving to carry on and complete with skill and devotion the enterprise that he started us on.

Ever since I have known Ian Dawson Shepherd he has overworked himself with rare skill, but never more than in recent months and it was almost with relief that I learnt of his intention to take life somewhat more easily and for the time being to retire from active participation in the Society's affairs. Relief but also very great regret, regret that we are to lose one whose courage and enthusiasm have carried us through the early teething troubles and sticky patches inseparable from a growing Society. I would suggest to you that today our formal tribute to Ian Dawson Shepherd should take three forms, the carrying of this formal vote of thanks, a telegram conveying our motion, and a collection among us by which a lasting token of our affection and gratitude may be presented to him, but that informally and more importantly we will each resolve to devote every ounce of skill, energy and self discipline we can command to the furtherance of the Society.

Mr. Vice-Chairman I therefore propose a hearty vote of thanks and gratitude to Mr. Ian Dawson Shepherd.

[The motion was seconded in a short felicitous speech by Mr. Ernest Rhodes (Stockport), Honorary Secretary, and was carried with acclaim].

SUMMER COURSE—

ST. EDMUND HALL, OXFORD

by R. A. Pedder,

Course Director

Oxford, the City of Spires, is the venue for a most important Course for teachers and therapists working in the field of cerebral palsy. For two weeks (August 29th to September 9th, 1960) some 80/90 teachers and therapists will again become students on this National Course, which, together with the Heads of our five schools, I have organised on behalf of the National Spastics Society.

An extremely impressive list of lecturers has been arranged.

This course will give opportunity to lecturers, tutors and students alike to take stock of basic knowledge, rethink many of their ideas and attitudes to cerebral palsy, and to learn one from another the results of their valuable experiences. There are many aspects of cerebral palsy, and its side-effects about which we are all still groping and, by our mutual discussions, we may in some small way throw light upon a topic which is also baffling others. This may lead to establishing common points of difficulty which require Research investigation and analysis.

In some ways the Course is likely to be unique—the tutors and students, whether they be teachers, doctors or therapists—will be able to discuss and examine problems together.

The various disciplines engaged in cerebral palsy, must be able to collectively discuss and examine the many problems involved, if the best results are to be achieved from our separate practices and understanding. The Course should provide this long-felt need.

To

LOCAL GROUP COMMITTEES

OF THE N.S.S.

The work of the National Spastics Society and its Groups is becoming more widely known, thanks to the efforts of the large band of voluntary workers attached to local Groups. A great deal of publicity, however, is permanently required, to foster interest in the organisation and ensure that donations, etc. do not fall off, after all, the Society exists on voluntary contributions nationally and locally. Anything that can help to kindle and sustain interest in the treatment of spastics is worthwhile.

We commend to your notice the Year Book which has proved so popular and beneficial to those Groups who have participated in the publication. Many of these Groups have been surprised at the extra interests aroused in their activities, the increased number of collecting boxes they have distributed, donations they have received, and influx of voluntary helpers, as a result of the canvass for advertisements made in their area. Four pages of the Year Book are allocated to the Group, 2,500 words can mean a great deal when put together in the right way. All Groups are urged to co-operate and use the Year Book to their benefit. Remember, it costs you nothing and you receive 2,000 copies free for distribution in your own area. The publishers will assist you in every way they can. Contact them today.

Their address is: Lyme Publishing Co. Ltd., 2/4 Chester-gate, Stockport, Cheshire.

THE HAMILTON HOUSE CENTRE

for children and adults

CATCHING the train from Victoria to Brighton, especially on a sunny day, one often finds oneself seated next to the lucky day tripper. The nurse on her day off, the au-pair girl hoping to brown her skin ready for later evening jollifications, the mother with her pre-school age child, longing for a change of view from that of their back garden, and the older person who just wants to breathe in fresh air. But Prinny's Pavilion, the Regency houses and wide promenade are not the only assets of this Sussex resort.

Tucked away in one of the quieter streets, ten minutes from the sea, is an unimpressive, solid, brick house—one of many. Its staid facia, guarded from the road by the dark rhododendrons in the narrow front garden, would give no indication of its consequence, were it not for a wooden sign and the writing over the front door. This proclaims that here is Hamilton House, the local centre of the Brighton and Hove District Branch of the N.S.S.

In this once family residence, the family atmosphere still pervades, even though the members are not related by any ties of blood. Young children play in the nursery while their older "brothers" and "sisters" occupy themselves with different handicrafts.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays find the children and the adults at Hamilton House. They come from towns within a 16-mile radius; from Seaford to Cuckmere Haven in the East, Littlehampton in the West, and Haywards Heath to the North. From 9.30 in the morning, when the hired car service transports them to the Centre, until 3.30 in the afternoon, the two different age groups enjoy their day companionably together.

The eight youngsters play in the two nurseries under the care of the capable

195 Dyke Road

Brighton



Teddy on his rocking horse

matron, two nurses and a nursery assistant. Matron has many jobs, not the least of which is the role of mother confessor to the older spastics! The children go with her to the dentist and, several times a week to visit the local hospital for treatment. Although a physiotherapy room is equipped at Hamilton House, for the present, it is used for their afternoon naps. Here again, the family atmosphere is emphasised. Often one of the older members keeps watch over the sleepers, for an hour.

It is not practicable for the local authority to send a teacher to the Centre as a small school in Preston Old Village has recently been taken over by them for educable spastics.

And what about the older members? Mrs. E. Washer, their occupational therapist, has only been at Hamilton House for two months, but in that time, the department under her charge has become a veritable hive of industry. Waste paper baskets from old meat tins, Kleenex covers, basket-work stools, soft dolls, hangers, are produced by the eleven adults in a remarkably short time. In fact any remnants of Sanderson's prints, cretonnes, old plastic mackintoshes, fur fabric, would be very well received. In October the class hope to show a bedspread at the Group's Michaelmas Fair.

But all their time is not spent at the work table. Trips and outings are arranged by the Welfare Officer, Miss Y. Snider, who is the almoner at the Royal Alexander Hospital for Sick Children, in

Dyke Road. Recently some of the group, whose ages and abilities vary, the youngest is 16 and the oldest 43, spent a week camping in Farnham, Surrey.

To go back to the beginning, in 1955, a local doctor, who had a spastic son, urged the acquisition of a permanent centre to be controlled by the Group. The very first gathering of spastics was held once a week in a church hall. Though he later emigrated to Australia with his family, before he left, this doctor was able to see the opening, in June 1957, of Hamilton House, named after himself.

It was only open three mornings a week then, but it was a beginning. The house in Dyke Road, with its nine rooms, kitchens, bathroom and other amenities, had been bought and fitted up. The Head of the decorating department at the Brighton College of Arts and Crafts, personally supervised the decoration of the light, airy rooms. Lots of white paint offsets the primrose walls and the rather sophisticated olive green high ceilings. A number of reproductions of well-known paintings are on loan from the College.

It might be the bracing air, but the local residents are extremely enthusiastic about Hamilton House. Not only did a dedicated group from the Committee sit up until the small hours of the morning, washing milk bottle tops to raise funds, but a great deal of the equipment has been provided by various organisations and individuals. Equally keen are their sons and daughters. The Brighton Youth Council in winter organise visits to the



A teddy for Teddy perhaps? Two of the older members at work in the occupational therapy room. A pattern is closely followed in order to produce such attractive embroidery

pantomime, Christmas parties, and go carol singing. In summer they help with the flag days. A local school has even named one of their Houses after the Centre.

But perhaps one of the most enterprising ways in which an interested mind has applied itself to the use of this Centre, can be seen in the garden. There stands a most unusual structure—one in fact which has been given Front Cover importance—a kind of huge metal playpen. What is its purpose and why is it there? These questions can be easily answered by Councillor D. F. Y. Baker, M.B.E., Chairman of both the General and Management Committees. He has been busy with Hamilton House right from the start and to this day, often looks in on an afternoon to see how things are going.

It was he who realised that for such a varied group of people, the garden at the back was rather on the small side. After some discussions, a special garden fund was set up and the work commenced. The entire surface was tarmac'd and the circular playpen erected. On the inside children can quietly play or rest, as well as learn to walk by means of the low handrail. On the outside, older spastics have their own support. To complete the order of this compact area, a wall sporting rock flowers, was built to divide the pen from the house, and enable deck-chair loungers to be left in peace.

Now who is in charge of all this activity, who looks after the nursing staff,

kitchen help, cleaner and five voluntary workers? Mrs. E. Cairns, a small, bright-eyed woman, quietly but zealously fulfils her duties as Secretary and Organiser.

For over a year she has put in a full five-day week. Until late in the evening, Mrs. Cairns arranges and attends committee meetings in the very charming room designed for this purpose, and deals with the general administration. On occasions Hamilton House has played host to other spastic groups, who have come down to Brighton for the day.

This September it is planned to open the Centre for five days, instead of the present three.

How Littlehampton came to be included in the area covered by the Centre, is really another story. But it is a pity not to relate such a charming tale.

Mr. M. Genoni is the proprietor of the Beach Hotel at Littlehampton and director of Littlehampton Hotels. When a penny pile was started in his bar by the Chairman of the Royal District Council, many celebrities helped to pile it up. Soon it became known as the King of penny piles. Eventually two people were sent to demolish it, and the Centre benefited by £275. However, Mr. Genoni asked that some of the money be spent in defraying the transport costs of children from Littlehampton to Dyke Road, so that they too might benefit.

Littlehampton, or Brighton, it doesn't really matter. Hamilton House is placed to good account.



Lunch time for the adults and the work table takes on a new look. In the background is displayed some of their handiwork made under the guidance of Mrs. Washer (in white coat)

INNOCENTS ABROAD

or

How to leave your Centre and like it

"WE'RE going on holiday!" Just to hear someone say that conjures up the little green dragon in even the least envious. But, in sympathy, one feels their anticipation of curious adventure and unaccustomed freedom, their hustle and bustle of preparation and can envisage the halcyon days stretching interminably ahead.

For some young people, the excitement of those words really was justified by the events. In last month's Country Wide, news was given about the various parties from national schools and local groups who had missed the summer rush and, in accordance with all the good principles of staggered holidays, made trips abroad in late spring.

Though it is several weeks since their return to the regular routine, they just can't stop talking about the marvellous times they had—and who wouldn't, especially if it were your first trip abroad. In order to keep everyone "au courant" with their activities—it's surprising what a fortnight in France can do for the lingo—a traveller from each group has specially written an account of their peregrinations.

As there is not sufficient room to print all the stories in one issue, this month is devoted to the parties from the National Centres.

Prested Hall
Invasion
of
Holland



April 28th—Thursday

AFTER a good send-off from the forecourt of Prested Hall we shot unscathed through the Customs at Harwich and boarded the M.V. *Konigen Wilhelmina*.

Although the sea was fairly calm, certain faces began to change colour, and ere long, to disappear to nether regions; at least two of them were not seen again till harbour was reached. Landlubbers! Still, I can at least testify that the ship's plumbing is in working order!

All good things come to an end, praise be, and at last we got ashore, through the Customs shed, round the corner, and were greeted by Anna, who for the next few days was to be our guide, interpreter, persuader of policemen and car park attendants, etc. What would we have done without Anna?

By this time it was too late to go to a café, so it was follow my leader to Anna's flat, where ham, egg and tea (twice) soon restored lost weight and spirits.

Down the stairs again (those stairs! Raymond must have a name for every one of them by now), and off to check in at the Youth Hostel, where we were given a downstairs dormitory to ourselves—complete with cold running water! Very refreshing!

Friday

It didn't take long to find that British razor plugs will not fit Continental sockets, but the sound of the breakfast bell soon made us forget our bristly chins.

We had hardly finished our chores—cleaning our billet—when Anna arrived in her little grey Citroen (known as the Ugly Duckling) to lead us on our first tour.

First, along the sea front at Scheveningen, where the sand was so smooth and firm that it was possible to ride a cycle over it. It was beautifully clean—in fact we saw men sweeping up pebbles left by the tide and carting them away. This amazing cleanliness, on the beaches or in the city streets, was one of the things which impressed us all; never did I see a trace of grime or a pall of smoke. A quick tour of the harbour, stopping only to photograph the fishing boats. Back at The Hague, we craned our necks to see the Peace Palace, House of Parliament, Hall of Knights, and many other imposing buildings, before destroying a healthy pile of sandwiches, washed down with coffee, in Anna and Bert's flat.

After lunch a trip round some of the bulb fields to see the famous tulips, and a tour of the sand dunes recently won from the sea at Meyendel. Soon we were trooping into "Ceres" café for our first meal there. Heaven knows what the staff thought of the seven whiskery wanderers as we trooped in.

Saturday

In the afternoon Bert took us into the old town of Delft, with its narrow, winding streets, canals crossed by hump-backed bridges, and the great church where the royal tombs are. Unfortunately the town was packed with people and we were unable to get into the market square to see the festivities taking place in honour of the Queen's birthday.

After lunch we visited Vlaardigen, and in the Delta Restaurant there certain members of our company, who by this time had overcome the razor problem and were looking—and feeling—a little more respectable, sampled Dutch gin for the first time. Just as the last drops were being drained the waiter came to say that a gentleman at another table had paid our bill; needless to say, our cups and glasses were quickly recharged, and the toast was "The Queen—and Anglo-Dutch relations".

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A Passage

to

Belgium

APRIL 10 meant early rising for some of the children and staff at Craig-y-Parc School. It was on this day we set out on a long journey and voyage, which was to take us to Blankenberghe on the north coast of Belgium. How smart the children looked in their brand new uniforms complete with badges.

Although forearmed with "Kwells" and "Sea Legs", the crossing was uneventful, and a weary but happy band of travellers alighted from the coach that night outside the Hotel d'Orange.

Blankenberghe is described in a brochure as "La Plus Belle Des Plages". We were not disappointed. Colourful chalets dotted the beach, and the whole front had that characteristic continental atmosphere. Every other building is either a souvenir shop or a café; the whole population is geared up to its tourist industry.

That afternoon we went in a coach to Bruges. This is a town full of churches, belfries, old houses and monuments, and not forgetting, of course, its canals. It was a hurried visit on this day, but we decided that we would return to it again before the end of the holiday. Most Belgian towns have cobbled streets. These are not the ideal surfaces for the pushers or occupants of wheelchairs. Each evening after dinner, when the younger children were in bed the older ones, under escort, were allowed to go shop-gazing and for walks along the promenade. Some members of our party found a very homely café called the "Newcastle". The proprietor had spent a considerable time at Barry Dock.

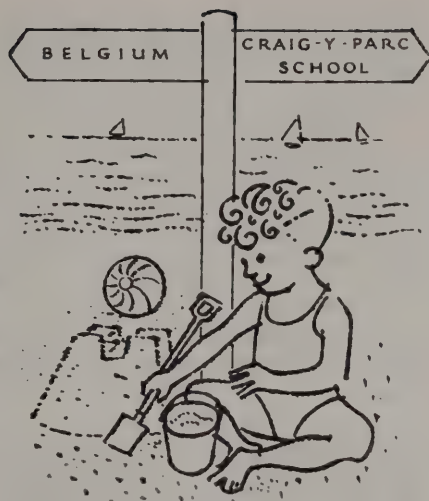
On the Tuesday we went to Brussels, the capital of Belgium. The Belgian countryside is very flat and yet it has a beauty of its own. Every farm and smallholding looks so orderly. In such a mechanised age as ours it was so delightful to see the horse playing such an important part in the lives of the workers of the soil. These charming pastoral scenes reflected the peacefulness of the countryside around.

Before turning into the Autoban which would take us to Brussels, we stopped for the inevitable cup of tea. This café, however, was a special place. In it was saw the world-famous Sandcarpet. The proprietor was the artist himself, Pierre Van Rousbeeck. The sand paintings were really superb. They included many Biblical scenes.

Soon we were heading towards Brussels. The Autoban is an excellent feat of roadwork. As we approached this fine city we were rather overwhelmed by its magnitude. The fly-over roads were a great achievement of engineering and seemed quite a step towards solving traffic jams.

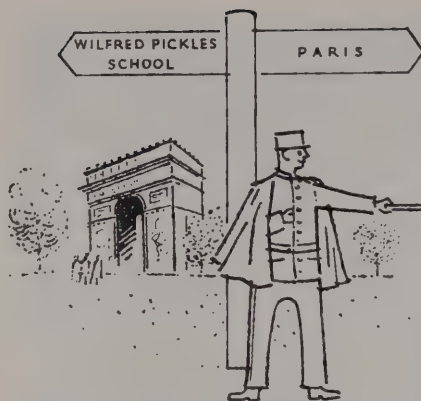
On the return journey we stopped at Ghent, a place famous for its churches, paintings, and architecture. It was in St. Baron Cathedral, that we saw the wonderful polyptych

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Operation

Paris



HAVING recently accompanied a party of 16 children and helpers from the Wilfred Pickles' School on an educa-

tional tour of Paris, I felt that readers might be interested to hear a parent's account.

My friends and relations looked somewhat doubtful on being informed of this venture, and I knew just what they were thinking, "However can this be done?" Just a few remarked, "What a wonderful experience for the children." Having worked in a voluntary capacity with spastic children and adults for almost ten years I now know that nothing is impossible, and that our handicapped children and adults can look forward to so much which would hitherto never have been considered.

My own son, who was one of the party, had talked of nothing but "our trip abroad" for the previous week, and was so delighted that he would soon be able to discuss his trip with his brother, who had been to Paris the previous year. I shall never forget his expression of delight when he first heard that he was to be included in the party, and also his remark, "I never thought that I should ever go abroad because I am a spastic."

Under the calm supervision of Mr. R. A. Pedder, the Head, we loaded our coach with luggage, wheelchairs, and finally children who, having waved a fond farewell to their parents, relaxed in their seats like seasoned travellers. After a first evening spent at the Dunkirk Hotel, Kent, we were off to an early start the next morning.

Our expert driver steered the coach right on to the good ship T.S.S. *Halladale*. The crew of the ship were extremely kind and helpful and slung the children over their shoulders as if this were an everyday experience for them.

That week in Paris left no famous or known sight overlooked. The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Sacre Coeur, we saw them all. The children really appreciated all the beauty and listened keenly as Jamie, the student guide, who gave us the "potted" histories.

Trips outside Paris included a visit to the Palais de Versailles, where we struggled up a winding staircase carrying wheelchairs and then children, in order to see all the beautiful tapestries and paintings depicting French history as far back as the 14th century. The attendants were all helpful and kind and, although few were able to speak English, we were never short of the necessary help with lifting. Another visit was to Fontainebleau, the home of Napoleon and Josephine, which gave the children and us a good insight into the life of the former Emperor.

The children soon picked up a few French words and were able to ask for water, and delighted in saying, "Merci Monsieur". I was somewhat amused to hear my own son, Richard, whose *English* is only understandable to those who know him, try to explain to a shopkeeper that he didn't speak French.

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INVASION OF HOLLAND (Continued from page 14)

Sunday

The longest drive of the tour was to Huis ter Heide, near Utrecht. We left the Hague about 11 a.m. and for the first 20-odd miles we kept to the side roads, though the planners of even these minor roads could teach us a lot; on one, though hardly wide enough for two vehicles, we checked a 7-mile stretch where the steering wheel became almost unnecessary. In places a parallel road had been built, making a dual carriageway with the canal as an "island". As we went along we saw on the horizon what appeared to be a cotton town: stubby factory chimneys dotted all over the place. As we got nearer we saw they were the furnaces of green-houses—acre upon acre of glass lining the road for miles. The Nursery of Holland.

Jeanne's "cottage" reminded one of a Cecil B. De-Mille set, with its huge plate glass windows and lovely garden, but the welcome given us gave us the assurance it was not merely a house but a home.

This welcome was not an isolated example of Dutch friendliness, but typical of the reception we got wherever we went, from the humble (comparatively) Ceres café, where we almost had freedom of the house, to Schipol Airport, where, though we only wanted coffee and soft drinks, a separate restaurant was opened specially for us—and the waiter refused to take the service charge!

Coming back by the main road, Bert, in the "Ugly Duckling" took the wrong lane at a clover leaf junction, and Anne, who was with us, gave us a fine example of backseat driving. We know what she said in English. What she said in Dutch seemed a little more fluent!

Monday

We visited Rotterdam, taking in Floriada, a huge open-air flower show, dotted round which were pavilions run by different countries to attract tourists. The place was so vast that there were a number of large cars, each pulling three or four open coaches to take visitors round the grounds. In the centre was a great tower of concrete, the Euromast, which we were told was assembled on the ground before being hoisted into position.

The tower is 400 ft. high, but the lift reaches the observation platform at the top in 24 seconds. The day we went was sunny and sparkling clear, and for those with strong nerves it was possible to see every dock in the great harbour on one side, with the tunnel entrance, and on the other, the clean, spacious, modern city that has replaced the devastation of the 1940s. On the clover leaf junction just outside the grounds the busy streams of traffic looked like so many Dinky toys; even their speed seemed to be cut down to scale. Although I was too scared to move up there, it was an experience I should not like to have missed.

All aboard the bus again and down to the harbour, where we caught the launch with minutes to spare. The guide on the boat turned out to be a student of occupational therapy. Is there NO escape?

Tuesday

Amsterdam today, this time with yet another guide laid on by Anna. Before we even left The Hague we got lost—but to some advantage—for we wandered into the rich quarter of the town, with lovely houses and gardens, the streets lined with cherry and almond trees in full bloom.

We ate our sandwiches in the car park at Schipol Airport, then enquired if we could go into the restaurant for coffee. We were told to take the bus right up to the steps. A police-

man, complete with revolver, opened a parked van and pushed it out of the way so that we could get a few feet nearer.

Back in the bus we made direct for Amsterdam as time was running out.

We found the town, unlike The Hague or Rotterdam, rather grim, with dark narrow streets interlaced with canals. We took a boat trip round the canals and harbour. In order that we shouldn't need to sue the stone steps normally used, two barges on the other side were moved so that we could walk straight from the bank on to the boat.

Another feature we noticed was the absence of parapets round the canals: we were told that an average of two cars fall in every week. I have since heard that the police charge £5 for fishing them out. If that is so, it seems to be 50 good reasons for not providing protective barriers!



The "Invaders" in front of Ceres with their Dutch friends

Wednesday

The morning was spent shopping for souvenirs. The rest of the day was spent sunning ourselves in a café on Scheveningen beach till it was time to go to Ceres again.

Our dinner down but not digested, we made our way to the town centre to see what happened on the Dutch Day of Commemoration. As the clock struck eight, traffic did not merely slow down, it stopped—dead. It was extremely impressive. The car following us did not even pull to the side, but stopped on the crown of the road.

As we returned to the Youth Hostel we passed a war cemetery. The crowds flocked out, every face solemn and thoughtful, even the 13, 14 and 15 year-olds, who were not even born when the war ended, had a sad look on their faces. The Dutch take their memories of those years far more seriously than the majority of English, and well they may; we heard many stores—personal experiences—of having to eat sugar beet and even tulip bulbs—raw, because there was no fuel. The word "German" has an unpleasant ring on Dutch lips.

At the Hostel a party of about 30 German teenagers had arrived; when we got in they were all in the courtyard. One girl had a guitar and, though I do not think they were an organised choir, they were singing in harmony. First in French, then in German, and finally a negro spiritual. It may have been the moonlight, but I think most of us were profoundly moved by the singing. If the Germans had stuck to music over the past half-century, they would be more popular in Europe.

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WANTED

YOU AND YOUR CAMERA!! FOR THE FIRST EVER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ORGANISED BY YOUR MAGAZINE

No, not you Mr. "Pastry"—go on, pop that cake into your mouth—it's the readers of the SPASTICS NEWS to whom this is directed.

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Photography has reached the top today. It seems that outstanding social events, such as births, marriages and deaths, as well as ordinary expeditions into space like aerial "sightseeing" of certain countries, would prove invalid without this modern times' wizardry.

Imagine yourself waking up in the morning without pictures for breakfast, or, better still, going to work without the inspiration of a fine "shot" in a West End club. I dare say life would not be worth living, not for the inhabitants of Fleet Street anyway!

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Whatever the results, please don't hesitate to send in your photographs to this one and only competition.—Editor.

The Panel

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Mary Grieve, Editor of *Woman*.

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Norman Hall, Editor of *Photography*.

Tom Hustler, Director of Dorothy Wilding Portraits Ltd.

Stephen McAdden, C.B.E., M.P.

Helpful Hints

Tom Hustler, the young society photographer, who lives and works in a charming mews cottage near Grosvenor Street, has submitted the photo of Mr. "Pastry". "This picture, which could easily be taken by an amateur" he says, "has been admired and published by lots of people. I think it has spontaneity and tells a story in its own way. When I am judging I shall look for the natural, candid, or amusing shots, which stand out from the rest. Subject matter counts most, technical quality not so much, but they should be sharp."



Courtesy: Tom Hustler

Rules

The competition is in four sections, and photographs should be submitted on glossy paper. No size is specified but, naturally, the larger the print the better, as this will help the judges.

Address your entries to: Photographic Competition, SPASTICS NEWS, 28 Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.

Please write your name and address on the back and state for which section you wish to enter your photograph.

1. **FOR SPASTICS ONLY**—This section will be confined to any subject taken by spastics, adult and children.
2. **ABOUT SPASTICS**—This is open to any reader whether he or she be a spastic or not, but the photographs submitted under this heading should only be about spastics, showing them at work or play.
3. **MOST UNUSUAL**—This is open to any reader and will be judged entirely on its originality.
4. **JOLLY HOLIDAY SNAP**—Open to any reader and should give some good opportunities for those who have never used a camera before.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes must be won in each section. The main prize of the Horizon Holiday will go to the photograph, considered by the panel, to be the best one in any class.

Each month a prize of one guinea will be given for each photograph published in SPASTICS NEWS.

Thursday

Liberation Day. Fairs and fancy dress for the children; carnivals, processions, yet everything taken seriously: nothing like our VE and VJ celebrations. We never saw a single drunk though nearly every café was fully licensed.

In the afternoon we visited Madorudam, a lilliput city, with shoulder-high scale models of churches—complete with “organs” and “choirs”, city halls, village bandstand, modern flats, a big harbour, complicated tram and railway systems, and a model of Schipol Airport. A wonderful exhibition.

That night began the most painful part of the trip—saying farewell to our Dutch friends, Bert and Clara.

Friday

Anna soon appeared with the children to say farewell, and then we were speeding down the drive.

When we reached the road Anna turned left for The Hague, and we to the right for the Hook; reluctantly, for we had enjoyed to the full our stay in Holland, yet with pleasure, too. As Raymond said, our 600 miles of sight-seeing and two crossings of the North Sea in eight days had filled us with so many new experiences we were like overwound clocks; we needed to relax and let our thoughts tick themselves into coherent order.

As soon as we were on the quayside the gangplank was taken from the upper deck of the *Princess Beatrix* and put to the lower, so we should not have a steep climb. Once aboard, the Purser who, as Company Representative, had turned out specially to greet us on our arrival from England, ushered us into the 1st class section aft. Surely a gesture worthy of memory—a last example of willingness to go the second mile.

Before long the Suffolk coast appeared through the mist, then Harwich, and we were home again. We could read the names on the signposts without tearing our tonsils; the road snaked between the hills—tiny hills, true, but after 600 miles without touching first gear they made a welcome sight. We were HOME!

J. LOGGIE WOOD.

by the Van Eyck brothers, “The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb”. A Requiem Mass was in progress at this cathedral. The singing and organ accompaniment were most effective.

Another afternoon our hired coach took us to Dunkirk in Northern France. At the borders of Belgium and France we had to submit our passports for inspection.

The town of Dunkirk had suffered a great deal during the war, but new buildings were springing up everywhere.

We were not sorry to leave this part of France because in comparison Belgium seemed so much cleaner and wholesome. On our way home we had a jolly good sing-song.

On Thursday we visited Holland, travelling by coach to Middelberg and going through such places as Zeebrugge and Knocke. The latter place contained some very delightful villas. The crossing from Scheldt to Flushing was made by a huge ferry which held several coaches and cars. Most of us managed to get on to the upper deck to view the innumerable passing ships and the interesting sights.

Many of the local inhabitants were in their national costume. The ladies wore their attractive lace bonnets, and the men their baggy trousers and wooden clogs. Canals dissected the countryside which, similar to Belgium, was flat.

It was market day in Middelberg. Sightseers crowded the square, but we did see many local people in their native dress.

It was the day before our departure and everyone was eager to re-visit Bruges. This time we went by train and had several hours to roam around at our will.

A boat ride on the Bruges canals was quite an experience, as whenever we approached a low bridge we had to lower our bodies. We looked just like swans when they tuck their heads into their feathers. Many of us bought some Belgian lace in the town as Bruges is the centre of the lace-making industry.

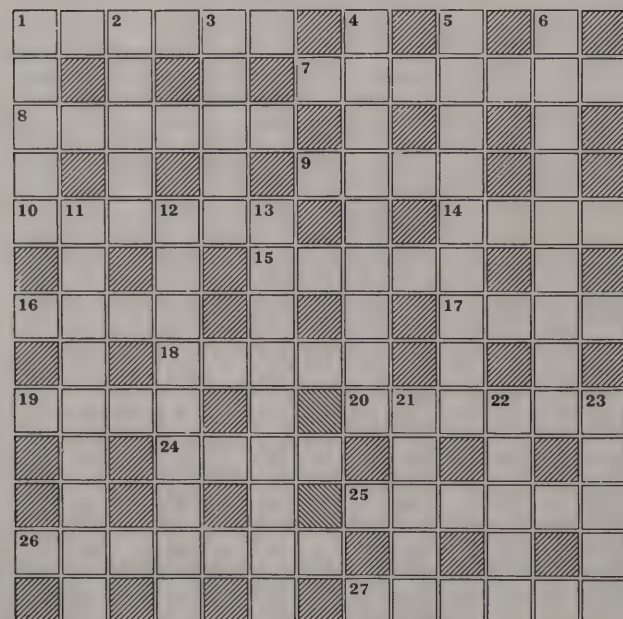
Our stay in Belgium had been thoroughly enjoyed but we felt quite excited at the thought of returning home to their families once more.

Mrs. C. M. REARSLAKE,

Headmistress.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 2

(Solution in July issue)



ACROSS

1. "The . . . and the shouting dies; The Captains and the Kings depart."—Kipling. 6.
7. That jealous Moor! 7.
8. Nurse to 5. 6.
9. Is it the link between shirt and horse? 4.
10. The course that facilitates social intercourse perhaps. 6.
14. The beasts of a U.S.A. Brotherhood. 4.
15. Mope. 5.
16. An up-to-date record! 4.
17. Noiseless Nordic god? 4.
18. The custom that finished the "banger". 5.
19. Noisiest of Nordic gods. 4.
20. He was probably the sower, too. 6.
24. She is so easily hurt. 4.
25. The wrong crowd by the sound of it. 6.
26. A kind of low quality guile. 7.
27. 26 in the matter of boats, maybe. 6.

DOWN

1. Somewhere between here and everywhere. 5.
2. In most surroundings I seem a bit wet. 5.
3. In learning I seem entirely wet. 5.
4. He probably sells books and papers to railway passengers. 9.
5. Wife of 7. 9.
6. Direction that enables one to tell the time? 9.
11. "And that you may have your due, Let your . . . carve for you."—Swift. 9.
12. Again and again *ad infinitum*. 9.
13. "Neat Nigel", anag. 9.
21. Highest form of 1 down. 5.
22. It should convince even an alcoholic. 5.
23. As game an old school as ever there was. 5.

PART II

A report on services to persons with cerebral palsy in the United States of America

TOWARD INTEGRATION

by Joan Armitage

RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY

The Elementary School's Role in Integration

The points set forth under the heading "Relationship with normal children" in a publication of a S.W. Californian School District providing education for the handicapped, bring us to the heart of this subject of integration:—

1. Handicapped children have the same needs as children who do not have handicaps. They are children first, and secondarily, children with handicaps.
2. Whenever possible the handicapped child should attend a regular class full time.
3. When it is impossible or difficult for a handicapped child to succeed socially and academically in a regular class, he should have the opportunity for special instruction from a qualified teacher in a small group situation where he can receive the needed individual attention to compensate for his handicap.
4. Even in a special class the handicapped child should have experiences as much like those of normal children as his handicap will allow.
5. Handicapped children should participate with normal children in the regular classroom and on the playground as much as limitations of their handicap will allow.
6. The housing of special programmes at regular schools is advantageous to both the handicapped and the normal children because the handicapped child has the opportunity to be among normal children and the normal child has the opportunity to learn to accept and understand the handicapped child. The regular teacher has the opportunity for experience with handicapped children and special teachers and therapists have an opportunity for some contact with normal children.

This philosophy inspires the work of many Californian schools, and in particular that of the Clyde Woodworth School in Inglewood. A unit for children with cerebral palsy is operated alongside a regular elementary school under the direction of one principal. The Vice-Principal is in charge of the particular unit. There is every facility for the severely handicapped child who must remain within this special unit for the whole of his school-life but, in the two years of the unit's existence, opportunities for integration with normal children had been found. At the time of my visit, a number of students were contacting non-academic classes in the elementary school and two were spending mornings in the adjoining Junior High School where they remained for lunch. Seven of the older students had been transferred to the local High School where special help was available from a resource room for the orthopaedically handicapped. Every opportunity for combined social activities was recognised.

The most exciting experiment in educating all types of handicapped students alongside the non-handicapped was

underway in the Arden Carmichael School District of Northern California. As far as I know, the programme is quite unique in the history of American Education.

The population of California is growing so quickly that many new schools are needed. Authorities are recognising the splendid opportunity to house the handicapped and the non-handicapped in adjoining buildings.

The Starr-King School was one year old at the time of my



Describing a regular High School—Joan Armitage with the Superintendent of Schools, Dekalb County, Georgia

visit, serving a total number of 1,400 children up to the age of 14. The cerebral palsied students are among the larger group of orthopaedically handicapped which comprises 3/5ths of the total handicapped group. The Special Education Unit is a separate building which house three classrooms for the orthopaedically handicapped, three for the mentally retarded, two for the hard-of-hearing, two for the deaf, one for the partially sighted and one for the blind. Only one room is provided for each of the visually handicapped groups as the majority attend the regular classes. It should be understood that a large total school enrolment is required to absorb occasional handicapped students in the regular classes without dislocating the school programme. No teacher of a regular class is expected to absorb more than two handicapped students into his group. At Starr-King there are plans to integrate children at all levels in combined assemblies and extra-curricula activities. On the day of my visit one post-polio girl was contacting a Junior High Home Economics class, one non-ambulatory spastic was in a sixth-grade play and, illustrating the advantages of integration between the different handicapped groups, one mentally retarded spastic was contacting a class for the mentally handicapped.

Other instances of integration were noted during visits to schools along the west coast from Seattle to California. One child from a C.P. Unit enjoyed a 15-minute library period each day with non-handicapped students, two spent whole morning sessions in the elementary school, one joined a regular games period and a few had the privilege of lunching in the main dining room and helping to serve the lunch.



Warren Avenue Elementary School, Seattle, Wash. In the foreground is the adjoining C.P. Unit

Special education for children with cerebral palsy in New York City was originally conceived as an extension of existing services for the non-handicapped. It is interesting to trace the growth of this service over the past 12 years. It has been based, from the start, upon the belief that co-operation between public and private agencies would lead to the best provision of health and educational care for handicapped children. In 1946, a voluntary health agency obtained the co-operation of the Department of Health in opening one pre-elementary class for 12 severely handicapped children with cerebral palsy between the ages of four and nine. All three therapies were provided. Transportation for the children from all of the five boroughs was originally provided or financed by private agencies such as the Council of Jewish Women and Red Cross. Shortly after the centre was opened, it attracted the interest of the Board of Education who forthwith assigned a teacher and put the class under the supervision of the principal of a neighbouring Public School. The College of the City of New York supplied psychological services. Eventually, in 1948, the B. of E. shouldered responsibility to the extent that it renovated part of a Manhattan Public School and successfully accommodated 25 children. At the present time there are five cerebral palsy units in New York City. Four are housed in Public School buildings under the supervision of the school principal and a medical director appointed by the Department of Health. The fifth, similarly supervised, is housed in a new annex adjoining an elementary school.

Further, concerning the extension of existing services to meet the needs of the handicapped, Dr. Edgar A. Doll is pioneering in the city of Bellingham, Washington State. He maintains that the education of children with special needs is entirely the responsibility of the general school authorities

and is sceptical about the appointment of Directors of Special Education. He says this is segregation at the top level. He and his wife are consultant psychologists whose work is to screen handicapped children for entry into special classes in the Bellingham schools. Concerning each handicapped candidate they interview parents, previous teachers and therapists—possibly the priest of the parish—before they decide

upon the suitable placement of the child in a class that will best meet his needs. There must be unqualified approval of the child, the parents, the prospective principal and class-teacher before placement is finally made. In this unusually flexible set-up, they have free choice of school, teacher, and even of session within the school day. Geographic location is of no account because the school district provides transport to any one of the nine special classes. Once a child is placed he is observed carefully over a period of time, and opportunities are sought to transfer him to one of the regular classes.

Washington has another advocate of integration in Mr. Gordon Hauck, principal of the Stewart Heights School for the Handicapped and Director of Special Education in his district. Mr. Hauck's main interest at the time of my visit was in the education of all types of handicapped children in mixed classes with no segregation of any one handicap. His school is open to all children who are not fitted for the regular schools and so far as I could discern, the trainable/educatable dividing line is not recognised. Every child is helped to maximum attainment. The mentally retarded work with the rest. The teacher of one class learned the manual alphabet to establish contact with a deaf pupil and subsequently taught it to the whole class, thus breaking down the barrier of deafness and, incidentally, motivating backward readers to learn their letters. Another teacher was interested in learning braille for the sake of one blind child in the school. Mr. Hauck's ultimate aim is to place the handicapped child alongside his peers in the regular schools in so far as both groups are able to benefit by such an arrangement. He maintains that this could be possible in 25 years time. For him, education is entirely concerned with fitting a child for his place in the community and, believing this, he feels justified in retaining a severely retarded child in a place which might be occupied by a brighter one. The brighter one, he says, needs less specialised help toward social adjustment.

Chicago's most recent school for the handicapped is a departure from the long-established policy of segregation. It is a combination neighbourhood and special school set up to "enable the handicapped child to associate with the non-handicapped and remove some of the hurt of being different."

In many states residential programmes have been set up to serve those children with cerebral palsy for whom there is no local provision made. But a child's residence in one of these schools is rarely regarded as permanent. Every effort is made to prepare him for his return to his community.

Community Attitudes

Marcia Hays, M.D., of the Bureau of Crippled Children's Services, California, wrote, in 1956:

One final concern commands our attention. This relates to our responsibility for the attitude which society



Courtesy 'Ladies Home Journal

Nine-year-old Mark met Spades Sue and Larry at Whidbey Island camp for handicapped youngsters one summer. They've enjoyed afternoon get-togethers with Mark ever since. Helping someone who really needs you is a satisfying sensation, Spades find

assumes toward the so-called handicapped individual. Since these attitudes are part of the environment in which the child lives and functions, they determine in large part, his chances of success. All of our specialised treatment, our best programmes for training will be lost, if finally the handicapped individual must live in a world of constant rejection . . . Acceptance by society generally is a slow process which must grow out of social acceptance of the handicapped child by his own companions. I have faith . . .

The "Spades"

In Seattle I found thrilling evidence of acceptance of the child with cerebral palsy by his own companions. The Kiwanis Club in Seattle sponsors "Spade" or "Spastic Aid" groups in the Seattle High Schools. Each individual school group has a Kiwanis sponsor who attends monthly meetings and acts as liaison officer between the High School youngsters and their cerebral palsied peers in the community. Speakers acquaint members with the problems attending the handicap—physical and social—and they have an opportunity to be of practical service through their attendance at the "Dug-Out" which is a central workshop staffed by Kiwanians who are craftsmen. The project is to supply all the agencies—schools and clinics—with the educational and therapeutic aids they require. Teachers and therapists submit their requirements and the "Dug-Out" will produce the goods. Spades have opportunities to see the apparatus in use at the various centres and in this way gain understanding of the handicap. Some of them visit the home-bound and establish friendships. Opportunities are found to introduce groups of students with cerebral palsy to normal teen-age activities. To share in the enthusiasm of Spades is to share Dr. Hay's faith that the day will come when all these children, having had their childhood together, will grow up and bring about a new environment; one in which we will have come to accept, to understand and to enjoy individual differences.

(To be continued)

PARIS HOLIDAY (Continued from page 15)

No holiday is complete without good food, and on our days out we were provided with an excellent packed lunch. The Continental breakfasts were much enjoyed by the children, and those who found it difficult to chew the French roll ate slices of sweet cake spread with butter and jam.

The adult members of the party, which included teachers, two houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pedder, and two helpers, including myself, found little time in which to relax, but how we enjoyed the couple of hours when the children were in bed, spent drinking coffee and eating the luscious French pastries which none of us had the willpower to resist.

On Sunday morning we visited Paris Zoo and spent over a couple of hours wandering around, later returning to the Hotel Jean Bart for lunch. The afternoon was spent quietly in one of the beautiful parks near our hotel.

On Sunday night we fulfilled a promise made earlier to the children. After an early dinner we proceeded in our coach on a tour of Paris by night. The illuminated buildings, beautiful fountains, and the wonderful view from the steps of the Sacre Coeur is something which the children will, I

am sure, remember for a long time. Although we had a few nodding heads before reaching the hotel, we all felt that Paris by night is something which everyone should see.

Sightseeing and shopping occupied the last day, the children anxiously counting up their remaining francs, and making sure that all the family left at home would be presented with a gift or souvenir of some kind.

With the children in bed we adults packed and labelled cases before going out on a final spree, which ended at approximately 11 p.m. Our journey home started at 7 a.m.

Those of us who had any money left went mad and bought powder, perfume, and French dolls, in the ship's shop and, of course, the full quota of cigarettes for absent husbands, fathers or friends. Need I say that we relished a good cup of real English tea! After a mild crossing we went through the Customs with a minimum delay, and so on to London, where anxious parents were eagerly awaiting us.

My final remarks must be that Paris is wonderful, and so were the children and staff.

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Society
Lincoln Branch
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Spastics Society

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